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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1717***House Bill No. 1678**

By adding the following new sections to precede the effective date section:

SECTION _____. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relating to the implementation of a state lottery. In the course of such study, the special joint committee shall conduct:

(1) An assessment of the current state of:

(A) Higher education in Tennessee;

(B) Tennessee-funded college scholarship programs, including the amount of debt incurred by Tennessee college students and its effect upon such students pre-graduation and post-graduation;

(C) Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) educational facilities;

(D) Early learning programs; and

(E) After school programs.

(2) An analysis of the benefit from projected lottery revenues to the institutions, individuals, projects and programs assessed in item (1).

(3) An examination of the creation and implementation of lotteries in Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia and South Carolina, including the statutory and regulatory authority for each;

(4) An inquiry into measures and initiatives used in other states to combat compulsive gambling and other social concerns associated with gaming;

(5) An assessment of the Hope Scholarship Program in the state of Georgia and its effect on high school and college performance, as well as graduation rates in the state;

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(6) An estimation of the amount of revenue lost to surrounding states due to Tennesseans playing those states' lotteries and an estimation of other revenues lost due to ancillary spending by Tennesseans when playing such lotteries; and

(7) An evaluation of all other issues deemed appropriate by the committee.

SECTION _____. The committee created by this act shall consist of seven (7) members of the house of representatives and seven (7) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION _____. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee created by this act upon request of the chair. The member of the general assembly with the most continuous service in the general assembly shall convene the initial meeting of the special joint committee.

SECTION _____. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.